



App. No. 10/796,961
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The pressure dies 20 are in the form of a rectangular box each and have their respective flat clamping surfaces 20a that engage the respective lap portions 14 of the belt-shaped glass sheets 10 and 12. These pressure dies 20 are fixed to rockable arms 21, individually, and are supported so as to be movable between an open position shown in FIG. 2, in which they are spaced, and a clamping position shown in FIG. 3, in which their respective clamping surfaces 20a face each other with a gap substantially equal to the thickness of the belt-shaped glass sheets between them. Gears 22 are fixed individually on the two arms 21 and are in mesh with each other.